

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1: (Currently Amended) A method for permanently dyeing hair comprising subjecting a person's hair to a number of treatments, having a set time interval between each two consecutive treatments, wherein each treatment comprises:

- a) contacting the hair with a recently prepared mixture of a colorant composition comprising:
 - A) an alkaline dye composition comprising
 - (i) an effective amount to color hair of at least one dye intermediate;
 - (ii) from about 0.1 to about 25% by weight based on the colorant composition of a water soluble ammonium carbonate or carbamate salt;
 - (iii) from 1.5 to 4% by weight based on the colorant composition of a chelant; and
 - (iv) a cosmetically acceptable carrier comprising water;
 - B) an oxidizing composition comprising:
 - (i) from 0.1 to 15% by weight based on the colorant composition of a peroxide compound; and
 - (ii) a cosmetically acceptable carrier;
- wherein the amount of the ammonium carbonate or carbamate salt relative to the chelant is in a weight ratio of about 4:1 to about 1:2.
- b) rinsing the mixture from hair with water;
- wherein the hair is contacted with the colorant composition for a period of about 5 seconds to about 5 minutes, and wherein the colorant composition relative to an amount of a person's hair is applied in a weight ratio of about 1:10 to about 1:2.

Claim 2: (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1 wherein the chelant is selected from the group consisting of aminocarboxylic acids, amino phosphoric acids, polyphosphoric acids and mixtures thereof including their salts.

Claim 3: (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the chelant is a salt of ethylene diamine tetraacetic acid.

Claim 4: (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the ammonium salt is ammonium carbonate.

Claim 5: (Cancelled)

Claim 6: (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein contact time on the hair is no longer than 2 minutes

Claim 7: (Original) the method according to claim 1 wherein the number of treatments is of least six.

Claim 8: (Cancelled)

Claim 9: (Currently Amended) A kit for permanently dyeing hair comprising:
(a) a colorant composition packaged as a part A and a part B separate from one another until just before use,
part A being a dye intermediate composition comprising:
(i) an effective amount to color hair of at least one dye intermediate;
(ii) from about 0.1 to about 25% by weight of the colorant composition of a water soluble ammonium carbonate or carbamate salt;
(iii) from 1.5 to 4% by weight of the colorant composition of a chelant; and
(iv) a cosmetically acceptable carrier comprising water;
wherein Part A has a pH of between about 9.7 and 10.1; and
part B being an oxidizing composition comprising:

- (i) from 0.1 to 15% by weight of the colorant composition of a peroxide compound;
 - (ii) a cosmetically acceptable carrier.
- (b) instructions for use of the colorant composition comprising applying a recently made mixture of part A and part B onto the person's hair followed by a rinse with water;
- wherein the amount of the ammonium carbonate or carbamate salt relative to the chelant is in a weight ratio of about 4:1 to about 1:2, and wherein the colorant composition relative to an amount of a person's hair is applied in a weight ratio of about 1:10 to about 1:2.

Claim 10: (Original) The kit according to claim 9 wherein the chelant is selected from the group aminocarboxylic acids, amino phosphonic acids, polyphosphoric acids and mixtures thereof including their salts.

Claim 11: (Original) The kit according to claim 9 wherein the chelant is a salt of ethylene diamine tetraacetic acid.

Claim 12: (Original) The kit according to claim 9 wherein the ammonium salt is ammonium carbonate.

Claim 13: (Cancelled).

Claim 14: (Cancelled)

Claim 15: (Cancelled)

Claim 16: (Previously Presented) A method as described in claim 1 wherein the alkaline dye composition comprises from about 2 to about 3% by weight, based on the colorant composition, of a chelant.

Claim 17: (Cancelled)

Claim 18: (Previously Presented) A kit as described in claim 9 wherein the dye intermediate composition comprises from about 2 to about 3% by weight, based on the colorant composition, of a chelant.

Claim 19: (Previously Presented) A method as described in claim 1 wherein the alkaline dye composition has a pH of between about 9.7 and 10.1.

Claim 20: (Previously Presented) A method as described in claim 1 wherein the alkaline dye composition further comprises an alkalizing agent consisting essentially of a metal hydroxide.